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Urban District of Portslade-by-Sea.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1972

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1972, compiled in accordance with the direction of the Department of Health and Social Security.

Vital Statistics

The Registrar General's estimate of population for mid-year is 18,272, an increase of 82 on the previous year. The sample Census in 1966 gave the population as 17,610 : 8,550 males and 9,060 females. The 1971 Census gives 18,140 as the population for Portslade U.D.C.

The death rate corrected by the Registrar General's comparability factor of 1.00 was 10.0 compared with a 1971 rate of 10.1. The number of deaths from all causes was 183 (1971-183)—102 males and 81 females. An analysis of the main causes of deaths will be found on page 6 of this report. Deaths from lung cancer 16 (1971-9).

The birth rate corrected by the Registrar General's comparability factor of .90 was 13.2, compared with 20.6 in 1971. The total number of live births 268 (1971-371). There were 12 illegitimate live births, giving an illegitimacy rate of 4% of all live births (1971-5%). The figure for stillbirths 3 (1971—2). Still birth rate per 1,000 total live and still births 11 (1971—5). Infant deaths (under 1 year) 6 (1971—7). Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births 22 (1971—19). Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births 23 (1971—20). Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births Nil (1971—Nil). Neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births 15 (1971—13). Early neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births) 15 (1971—13). Perinatal mortality rate (still-births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still-births) 26 (1971—16). Maternal deaths Nil (1970—Nil).

Infectious Diseases

93 cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during 1972, compared with 265 in 1971. (70 cases of measles in 1972 against 232 in 1971). Scarlet Fever 20 and Infective Jaundice 3.

Mass Radiography

Figures regarding this service can be found on page 15 of this report.

B.C.G. Vaccination

Table on page 15 sets out particulars of the work done in this field.

Old People

Help and advice is given by the Geriatric Health Visitors attached to my staff. There were no compulsory removals under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948 in Portslade during 1972.

As in previous years, I would like to express my grateful thanks to Mr. Tozer, Clerk of the Council, Mr. Farmer, Surveyor, and Mr. Donald, Public Health Inspector for their ready assistance at all times.

I should also like to record my appreciation of the support which I have received from members of the Public Health Committee.

N. I. CONDON,
Medical Officer of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS 1972

ENGLAND & WALES—PERSONS

Estimated Mid-Year Home Population, 48,987,700 (1970)
48,815,000 (1971).

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Rate</i>
Live births.. ..	725,405	16.0 per 1,000 population
Stillbirths	8,794	12.0 per 1,000 total births
Deaths	591,907	11.6 per 1,000 population
Infant Mortality (deaths under 1 year of age) ..	12,494	17.0 per 1,000 live births
Neonatal Mortality (deaths) under 4 weeks of age) ..	8,373	12.0 per 1,000 live births
Early Neonatal Mortality (deaths under 1 wk. of age)	7,142	10.0 per 1,000 live births
Perinatal Mortality (still- births and deaths under 1 week of age)	15,936	22.0 per 1,000 total births

VITAL STATISTICS 1972

Population : 18,270.

Area (Acres) : 1,961

DEATHS :	Total	M	F
	183	102	81

Death Rate : 10.0 (Standard).

10.0 (Corrected).

	Total	M	F
Live Births	268	130	138
Live Birth rate per 1000 population ..	14.7 (Standard)		
	13.2 (Corrected)		

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births : 4%

Stillbirths .. 3	—	—	—
Rate per 1000 Total live and stillbirths :	11.00		

Total Live and Still Births ..	271	132	139
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Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	6	3	3
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Infant Mortality Rates :

Total infant deaths per 1000 total live births .. 22.0

Legitimate infant deaths per 1000 Legitimate live
births 23.0

Illegitimate infant deaths per 1000 live births	.. .. .	Illegitimate	—
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 total live births)	.. .. .		15.0
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1000 total live births)	.. .. .		15.0
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1000 total live and stillbirths)	.. .. .		26.0
Maternal Mortality:			
Number of deaths	.. .. .		Nil
Rate per 1000 total live and stillbirths	.. .. .		Nil

DEATHS 1972

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Enteritis and other Diarrhoeal Diseases	1	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	4	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	3	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	12	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	—	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	1	—
Leukaemia	1	—
Other Malignant Neoplasms	4	3
Diabetes Mellitus	1	1
Anaemias	1	—
Other Diseases of Nervous System	2	—
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	2	2
Hypertensive Disease	1	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	20	16
Other forms of Heart Disease	1	5
Cerebrovascular Disease	15	15
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	6	7
Influenza	—	1
Pneumonia	5	7
Bronchitis and Emphysema	8	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	2	—
Peptic Ulcer	1	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1	3
Other Diseases of Digestive System	1	—

Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	1
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System ..	1	—
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System ..	1	—
Birth injury, Difficult Labour, etc. ..	1	—
Suicide and Self Inflicted Injuries ..	1	—
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality ..	—	2
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions ..	—	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1
All Other Accidents	2	4
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	102	81
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Total	183	

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

DRAINAGE.

The whole of the public roads in the district are sewered by gravitation on the water carriage system.

All houses in the District are connected to the public sewers with the following exceptions :

HOUSES SERVED BY CESSPOOLS.

There are 8 houses served by cesspools.

All sewerage is discharged into intercepting sewers which are under the control of the Portslade and Southwick Outfall Sewerage Board. Disposal is by means of Sea Outfall owned by the Board.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR. The Public Health Inspector has prepared the following Annual Statement of his visits and notices :

Houses inspected for housing defects ..	274
Number of inspections made for the purpose.	349
Houses inspected under Public Health Acts ..	187
Number of inspections made for that purpose	285
Number of complaints received.	416
Informal Notices served (P.H. & H. Act) ..	29
Formal Notices served (P.H. & H. Act) ..	11
Houses found dirty or verminous ..	15
Defective and Choked Drains	30
Defective Closets	22

Defective Sinks	..	..	..	6
Defective Roofs and Gutters	..	..	..	36
Damp Walls and Ceilings	..	..	..	75
Defective Walls and Ceilings	..	..	..	64
Defective Floors	..	..	..	11
Defects to Windows, Doors, etc.	..	..	..	45
Defects to Grates	..	..	..	7
Defects to Chimneys	..	..	..	5

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

The destruction of rats and mice has been successfully continued throughout the year, both in surface properties and in the Council's sewers.

During the year 61 rat and 83 mice infestations were dealt with on surface properties and 1 sewer treatment carried out.

The treatment is now free to all properties.

Eradication of Vermin.

During the year 15 houses were found to be in a dirty or verminous condition and of these, 13 were disinfested by spraying with insecticides.

This work has been carried out by the Council and the cost of materials has been charged to the Owner or Occupier.

HOUSING ACCOMMODATION

PROVIDED AT DECEMBER, 1972

Council Houses and Flats	..	..	..	1,187
Old Peoples Bungalows	..	..	..	33
Other Properties purchased by Council			..	11
"Evelyn Court"	{	7 X 1 bed flats	..	7
		15 bedsitters	..	15
"Hazelholt"	{	1 X 1 bed flat	..	1
		22 bedsitters	..	22
2 Wardens Houses	2
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				1,278
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INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES.

1. *Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year :*

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|---------|---|-----|
| (1) (a) | Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) | 274 |
| (b) | Number of inspections made for the purpose | 349 |
| (2) | Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation | 1 |
| (3) | Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation | 273 |

2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices.*

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	24
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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955. SECTION 16.

There are 44 premises registered for the sale of Ice Cream and 6 premises registered for the preparation or manufacture of sausages, pickled or preserved food.

There were 73 inspections of registered premises throughout the year.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1960.

During the year 127 inspections of food premises were made and in 4 of them infringements of the Regulations were found.

Notices were served in respect of the following items :—

Provision of First Aid Materials	..	..	—
Display of Notices requiring persons to wash their hands after using sanitary convenience		..	2
Provision of towels, soap, etc.	..	..	—
Dirty walls and ceilings	..	..	—
Food not adequately protected	—
Insufficient lighting	1
Absence of adequate supply of hot water		..	—

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MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION.

The following foodstuffs were inspected and found to be unfit for human consumption.

49 lbs. of Beef
15 „ „ Lamb
109 „ „ Pork
99 „ „ Sausages
8 Chickens
4 stone of fish
338 pkts. of Fish
511 „ „ Vegetables
489 „ „ Meat products
101 lbs. of cheese
1,615 cans of food

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1936

Total number of registered premises at end of year 1972:

Offices	..	..	23
Retail Shops	..	..	80
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses			11
Catering Establishments	..		12

Number of Persons Employed :

Offices	..	..	321
Retail Shops	..	..	337
Warehouses	..	..	182
Catering Establishments	..		57
Canteen	..	..	3
Total Males			431
Total Females	..		469

Total number of visits to registered premises : 96

Number of Contraventions of Act found :

Abstract of Act not exhibited		2
Thermometer not provided		1
Insufficient First Aid Materials		—
Insufficient Washing Facilities		—
Insufficient Sanitary Accommodation		—
Insufficient Heating	..	3
Insufficient Lighting	..	1
Number of Notices served		—

Number of Accidents in Registered Premises reported : 4

Premises not clean	..	1
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FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART 1 OF THE ACT.

INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		Occupiers prosecuted
		Inspect'ns	Written Notices	
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	14	10	1	—
Factories not included in above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	72	26	—	—
Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers Premises)	3	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	89	36	1	—

Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars	No. of cases in which defects were found					No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred			
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector		
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	1	1	—	—	—	
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—	
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—	
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)	—	—	—	—	—	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—	
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)						
(a) insufficient	—	—	—	—	—	
(b) unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	—	
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—	
TOTAL	1	1	—	—	—	

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 133 and 134)

<i>Nature of Work</i>	Section 133				Section 134	
	<i>No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133(1)(c)</i> (2)	<i>No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council</i> (3)	<i>No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists</i> (4)	<i>No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises</i> (5)	<i>Notices served</i> (6)	<i>Prosecutions</i> (7)
(1)						
Wearing Apparel: Making, etc. Cleaning and Washing	71 Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil
Furniture and Upholstery	—	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Artificial Flowers etc. Stuffed Toys	1 8	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Lamp Shades	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cosaques Christmas Stockings etc.	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	86	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

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B.C.G. VACCINATION 1972

<i>School</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>No.</i>
	<i>Skin Tested</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Vaccinated</i>
Portslade Community School & College ..	127	6	121	121
Mile Oak Community School	12	3	9	9
Downs Special School	13	—	13	13
Hillside Training School	2	—	2	2
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	154	9	145	145
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MASS RADIOGRAPHY 1972 ALL GROUPS

Doctor's Referrals	213	162	375
Others	518	311	829
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Total	731	473	1,204
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Weekly sessions discontinued in Portslade as from July 1972.

TUBERCULOSIS—PORTSLADE—1972

[illegible]

INFECTIOUS DISEASE, 1972.
DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR.

		Disease.		Total cases Notified.	
		1971	1972	1971	1972
Scarlet Fever	16	20
Whooping Cough	15	—
Measles	232	70
Infective Jaundice	2	3
				<u>265</u>	<u>93</u>

SMALLPOX VACCINATION

Statistics are not available for the year 1971 as vaccination against Smallpox in early childhood was discontinued during 1971.

VACCINATION OF PERSONS UNDER AGE 16 COM-
PLETED DURING 1972

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	<i>Primary</i>		<i>Re-Inforcing</i>
Triple	318	Diph-Tet	391
Polio	322	Polio	384
Measles	351		—
Rubella	86		—

CHIROPODY SERVICE 1972 — PORTSLADE

As from 18th August, 1967, appointments in connection with this service in Portslade have been dealt with through the Hove Public Health Department, and the following figures give some indication of the work done.

PART 1

Number of persons treated during year ending
31st December, 1972

	<i>By local authorities</i>	<i>By voluntary organisations</i>	<i>Total</i>
	(1)	(2)	(3)
1. Persons aged 65* and over	250	—	250
2. Physically handicapped or otherwise disabled persons under age 65	2	—	2
3. Expectant mothers	—	—	—
4. Others	14	—	14
5. Total	266	—	266

*Age on date of first treatment during the period.

PART 2

Number of treatments given during year ending
31st December, 1972

	<i>By local authorities</i>	<i>By voluntary organisations</i>	<i>Total</i>
	(1)	(2)	(3)
1. In clinics	1278	—	1278
2. In patients' homes	163	—	163
3. In old people's homes	—	—	—
4. In chiropodists' surgeries	—	—	—
5. Total	1441	—	1441

PART 3

Number of treatments included in part 2 above which were paid for by the Authority on the basis of fees per treatment

Local authorities	1441
Voluntary organisations	—
Total	1441

Previously the service was administered by the Portslade Senior Citizens' Club on behalf of the East Sussex County Council.

PORTSLADE CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC **1972**

The following summary gives an indication of the work of the Clinic during the year : (Hove and Portslade cases) :

Psychiatrist	Diagnostic interviews	40
	Treatment interviews	217
Educational Psychologist Child Guidance Cases)	Diagnostic interviews	11
	Treatment interviews	—
	School visits	4
Child Psychotherapist	Treatment sessions	415
	Clinic interviews	270
	Visits	42
Social Worker	Interviews at Clinic	142
	School visits	54
	Home and other visits	428

